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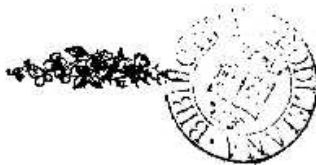


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Preface.

HE Publishers have much pleasure in bringing before the public—in a new and, they trust, an appropriate garb—another of the charming productions of MARY HOWITT's cultivated mind and graceful fancy.

It would be unbecoming in them to enlarge on Mrs. HOWITT's merits as a writer, and especially on her merits as a writer for the young. And if it were not unbecoming it would be unnecessary, since they are recognized wherever the English tongue is read and spoken.

The present volume was originally published under the title of "The Children's Year;" but the new title, it is considered, will indicate more clearly and completely its object, and be less liable to misconception.

It is, indeed, a "happy home" which MARY HOWITT has so pleasantly described; and she has not failed to show how *other* homes may be made similarly happy, if the growth of the domestic virtues is carefully encouraged.

and the young are induced to derive those lessons from Nature which Nature is so well able to teach.

Believing that the children will welcome their old favourite, and that they cannot but be the better for the kindly counsel and wholesome truths so picturesquely embodied in the following pages, with their bright descriptions of rural scenery and natural objects, and their genial combination of the amusing and the instructive, the Publishers commend to the favourable reception of the public this new and revised edition of—

“THE STORY OF A HAPPY HOME.”

T. NELSON AND SONS,



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